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AS TAX SEASON BEGINS, FORMER SOUTH MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL TAX EVASION

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Arkansas man, formerly of Blue Eye, Mo., was sentenced in federal court today for federal tax evasion.

Mark E. Welytok, 53, of Lead Hill, Ark., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to three months in federal prison without parole, followed by three years of supervised release, including three months of home detention. The court also ordered **Welytok** to cooperate fully with the Internal Revenue Service in the collection of all outstanding unpaid taxes, along with interest and penalties.

On Feb. 26, 2004, **Welytok** pleaded guilty to federal tax evasion. **Welytok** admitted that he attempted to evade the payments of \$7,165 in income tax due in 1996, \$14,131 in income tax due in 1997, and \$15,633 in income tax due in 1998. Under the terms of his supervised release, Graves explained, **Welytok** must pay all outstanding unpaid taxes plus interest and penalties not only for those three years, but additionally for any unpaid taxes that were not included in the formal charges to which **Welytok** pleaded guilty.

Welytok attempted to conceal from the Internal Revenue Service the nature and extent of his receipts from work as an architect, Graves said, by placing funds in the names of Heritage Architecture Trust and nominee trustees, by failing to file a timely personal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service, and by making false statements to agents of the Internal Revenue Service.

Welytok was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 10, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations.

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